

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the opportunity to comment on claims 21-28, which were newly added in Amendment G, filed July 19, 2004. Applicants' remarks with respect to claims 21-28 were inadvertently omitted from Amendment G, which is otherwise incorporated by reference herein.

As a second preliminary matter, Applicants note that the Examiner has erroneously listed only claims "14, 16-20 and 21-28" as pending. In fact, claims 1-14 and 16-28 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-13 have never been cancelled or withdrawn.

Amendment G stands objected to for being not fully responsive to the prior Office Action according to 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in light of the following remarks.

New claims 21-28 were added in Amendment G to recite other combinations of features of the present invention. The subject matter of new claims 21-28 generally corresponds to the subject matter featured in claims 6-7, 13-14, 16-17, 5, and 12 respectively, all of which are still pending in the present Application, and which should all be in condition for allowance according to the agreement reached in the March 11, 2004 interview regarding the amendments to these claims in Amendment G. Applicants submit that new claims 21-28 should also be in condition for allowance for reasons similar to those discussed in Amendment G with respect to the corresponding pending claims. Entry,

consideration on the merits, and allowance of new claims 21-28 is therefore respectfully requested.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including claims 1-14 and 16-28, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if a further interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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